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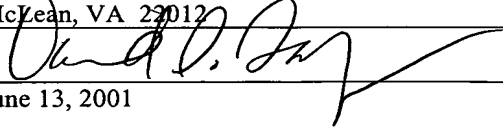
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Preliminary to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please  
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**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 3 and 10 as follows:

3. (Amended) The arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the individual  
closure elements are secured to the closure carrier by a releasable positive-fit connection  
between the actuation section and the socket.

10. (Amended) The arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the individual  
closure elements are secured to the closure carrier a non-positive connection between the  
actuation section and the socket.

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